

## Library Bond Act Grant Applications - Cycle 1

### Office of Library Construction Findings

Project Name [Number]	Calabasas Public Library 1066	Current Square Footage	0
Applicant	Calabasas, City of	Project Square Footage	22,575
Operating Library Jurisdiction	City of Calabasas	Service Area Population:	20,390
Project Type	New Library	Anticipated Construction Start Date:	11/1/2003
Project Priority	2nd	Total Project Amount	\$12,809,515
Joint Use Type	N/A	State Grant Amount	\$8,326,185
Multipurpose?	NO		
Leased Site:	NO		

#### **Bond Act Factors** [California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 19998 (a)]

	Rated	Other
Needs of urban and rural areas:		[see map]
Population growth:		107%
Financial capacity of applicant to open and maintain operation of the library (new libraries only):		Yes
Age and condition of existing library:	No existing library ( = Outstanding )	
Inadequacy of the existing library in meeting needs of residents and the response of proposed project to meeting the needs:	Very Good	
Plan of Service integrates appropriate electronic technology:	Outstanding	
Appropriateness of proposed site for the proposed project:	Outstanding	
<b>Overall Rating:</b>		<b>Outstanding</b>

#### **Summary of Review Panel Comments**

**Population Growth** 106.7%

**Age and Condition** There is no existing library.

**Needs of residents/response of proposed project to needs** The original survey was completed in 1997 and updated in 1999. The needs assessment process included input from the residents through a variety of methods, including: a professionally conducted phone survey of both library users and non-users; focus groups; and community meetings. Analysis of demographic data was non-specific, leading to generalized considerations of library service needs, but they appear to be appropriate for the community.

The plan of service is responsive to the needs assessment findings. Services to be provided are thoroughly described, and the goals, objectives, and service indicators are well written. Community partnerships are planned to provide additional programming for library clientele.

The building program implements the plan of service, providing spaces to provide the services indicated in the plan. Spatial relationships and individual spaces are well described.

The conceptual plans implement the building program requirements. Spatial relationships and individual spaces are well described. Both programmed and actual square footages are shown on the plan, but non-assignable square footage is not shown.

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Joint use agreement: N/A

**Plan of Service Integrates Appropriate Technology** An understanding of the need for technology to assist in solving library service needs is demonstrated throughout the planning documents. Specific technology uses include: laptop PC plug-in capability; 24/7 reference; integrated library automation system; cable TV capabilities in the meeting/program rooms; self-checkout capability; LAN; Internet access; high speed connectivity via fiber optic cable; and wireless and PDA capability.

**Appropriateness of Proposed Site** The library is the first phase of the City's Civic Center Project, centrally located in the new downtown core. Bicycle master plan currently provides class II bicycle lanes and routes within vicinity of library, and more will be added with civic center development. On-site parking exceeds zoning requirement. Total parking availability on and off-site are 689 spaces. A shared parking agreement will be required in the future - a resolution to that effect states that if it occurs, the agreement will be sent to the State at that time. The site size is adequate for the proposed library, and there are no conditions on the site that require special design solutions.

**Financial Capacity** The applicant has committed to the on-going operation of the completed library.